

REMARKS

Claims 13 through 33 are presently pending. Claims 1-12 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter described therein. Claims 1-12 were not canceled in view of the prior art, and were not otherwise narrowed. Claims 13-33 have been added. Support for Claims 13-33 is included in at least paragraphs [0024] through [0087]. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests further examination on the merits in view of new Claims 13-33 and the following remarks.

The 35 USC§102(e) and 35 USC§103(a) Claim Rejections

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 7, and 9-12 were rejected pursuant to 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 7,363,354 to Lahti (herein after referred to as "Lahti"). In addition, Claims 3 and 8 were rejected as obvious pursuant to 35 USC §103(a) in view of Lahti as modified by US Patent Publication No. 2002/0169878 to Orenshteyn (hereinafter referred to as "Orenshteyn"). Applicant has canceled claims 1-12 rendering these rejections moot. In addition, new Claims 13-33 are not taught or suggested by the cited references either alone or in combination.

For example, Claim 13 describes a relay device comprising a first storage unit configured to store regulation information to regulate a communication requested by a communication request, a receiving unit configured to receive the communication request from the communication terminal, and a relay

processing unit configured to relay the communication in response to the communication request satisfying a predetermined condition, wherein the relay processing unit is configured to relay the communication in accordance with the regulation information stored in the first storage unit. Neither Lahti nor Orenshteyn teach or suggest a relay device as described in Claim 13. Instead, Lahti's WAP terminal (306) is a WAP push provisioning server (302) that pushes application ID(s) and various access parameters to WAP terminals (306) (Col. 8 lines 33-35), and Orenshteyn simply describes clients and application servers. (Fig.

2) Accordingly, neither Lahti nor Orenshteyn teach or suggest a relay device comprising a relay processing unit configured to relay a communication in response to a communication request satisfying a predetermined condition, wherein the relay processing unit is configured to relay the communication in accordance with regulation information stored in a storage unit.

In another example, Claim 20 describes a relay device that includes a receiving unit configured to receive a communication request from a communication terminal; and a relay processing unit configured to relay the communication in response to the communication request satisfying a predetermined condition, the relay processing unit configured to relay the communication in accordance with the regulation information stored in the first storage unit. Neither Lahti nor Orenshteyn teach or suggest a relay device that includes a receiving unit configured to receive a communication request from a communication terminal and a relay

processing unit configured to relay a communication as described in Claim 20. To the contrary, Lahti describes a push server and Orenshteyn is silent regarding any form of relay device.

In still another example, the method of Claim 27 describes the acts of receiving, with a relay device, a communication request from a communication terminal; and relaying, with the relay device, the communication if the communication request satisfies a predetermined condition, the communication relayed by the relay device in accordance with regulation information stored in a second storage unit. As previously discussed, Lahti describes a push server, and Orenshteyn is wholly silent regarding any form of relay device. Thus, neither Lahti or Orenshteyn teach or suggest the limitations of Claim 27.

For at least the foregoing reasons, neither Lahti nor Orenshteyn, either alone or in combination teach, suggest, or disclose each and every limitation described in independent Claims 13, 20, and 27 or the Claims dependent therefrom.

Accordingly, the presently pending claims of this application are allowable and Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance for this application. Should the Examiner deem a telephone conference to be beneficial in

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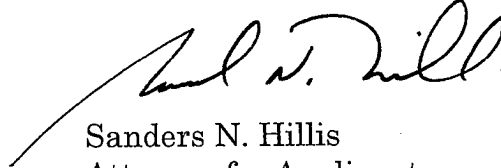
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expediting allowance/examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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